

IN THE CLAIMS

1. – 21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) A projectile arrangement including at least two projectiles coupled together by a frangible coupling to form a chain, wherein each projectile has a head portion, a tail portion and a respective propellant charge, and wherein the frangible coupling includes a first retaining means disposed on the tail portion of the leading projectile engaged by a screw action with a second retaining means disposed on the head portion of the trailing projectile, wherein the first and second retaining means are threadably engaged.

23. (Previously Presented) An arrangement according to claim 22 wherein the tail portion of the leading projectile and the head portion of the trailing projectile form a seal around the propellant charge of the leading projectile.

24. (Previously Presented) An arrangement according to claim 23 wherein the seal includes an adhesive connection between the leading and trailing projectiles.

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Previously Presented) An arrangement according to claim 23 wherein the seal includes contact between complementary surfaces on the leading and trailing projectiles.

27. (Previously Presented) An arrangement as in claim 22 wherein the first and second

retaining means include complementary spigot and socket.

28. – 29. (Cancelled)

30. (Previously Presented) An arrangement as in claim 27 wherein the spigot and socket are provided on the trailing and leading projectiles respectively.

31. (Previously Presented) An arrangement as in claim 22 wherein either the first or second retaining means is frangible.

32. (Cancelled)

33. (Previously Presented) An arrangement as in claim 22 wherein the coupling is broken by combustion of the propellant charge in the leading projectile.

34. (Cancelled)

35. (Previously Presented) An arrangement as in claim 22 wherein the first retaining means includes a socket formed in the propellant charge.

36. – 40. (Cancelled)

41. (Currently Amended) A projectile for a chain of projectiles, having a head portion, a tail portion and a respective propellant charge, the tail portion having a first retaining means

and the head portion having a second retaining means, wherein each of the first and second retaining means is able to engage corresponding retaining means on a trailing or leading projectile in a chain by a screw action to form respective frangible couplings, wherein the first and second retaining means are threaded.

42. (Previously Presented) A projectile according to claim 41 wherein the first and second retaining means includes a socket and a spigot.

43. (Original) A projectile according to claim 42 wherein either the spigot or the socket is frangible.

44. (Cancelled)

45. (Previously Presented) A projectile as in claim 41 wherein each coupling is frangible by virtue of combustion of the propellant charge in the leading projectile.

46. (Cancelled)

47. (Currently Amended) A projectile as in ~~claim 46~~claim 41 wherein the first retaining means includes a socket formed in the propellant charge.

48. (Previously Presented) A projectile as in claim 41 wherein the tail portion includes a sealing surface which forms a seal with the trailing projectile.

49. – 64. (Cancelled)